

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111
Serial No. 10/608,474

REMARKS

A total of 9 claims remain in the present application. The foregoing amendments are presented in response to the Office Action mailed March 30, 2005, wherefore reconsideration of this application is requested.

By way of the above-noted amendments, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 2, and thereby more clearly define features of the present invention. Claim 2 has been cancelled in view of the amendment of claim 1, and consequential revisions effected in dependent claims 3, 4 and 7-9. Clearly, no new subject matter has been introduced.

Referring now to the text of the Office Action:

- claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being unpatentable over the teaching of United States Patent No. 5,533,804 (Larsson et al); and
- claims 2-10 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


As an initial matter, Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-10. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 2, and therefore amended claim 1 is now believed to be allowable. Claims 3-10 depend directly or indirectly from allowable claim 1, and are therefore also believed to be allowable.

Favourable reconsideration and issuance of a notice of allowance are believed to be in order, and early action in that respect is courteously solicited.

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If any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this response, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-5113.

Respectfully submitted,


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